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Applicants: Ken WATANABE et al.
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AMENDMENT

MS AF
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 21, 2003, the period for reply thereto being extended by one month by the attached Petition for Extension of Time to expire on February 21, 2004, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks are included following the amendments.